

Norman Kennedy Visit to Colorado

PPWG is pleased to announce Norman Kennedy will be visiting the Colorado Springs area and presenting several programs April 13-25. Born and raised in Aberdeen, Scotland Norman emigrated to the United States in the 1966. From an early age, Norman was interested in the songs, stories and lore of his homeland absorbing them from his family members and neighbors. In his teen years he started “hanging around” with the local handweavers, learning their trade. He has traveled extensively in Scotland and the surrounding islands learning local techniques of weaving, spinning, and knitting. From 1967 to 1972 he served as the master weaver at Colonial Williamsburg, VA and then in 1976 founded the Marshfield School of Weaving where he taught until 1995. Norman was awarded the National Endowment for the Arts Lifetime Honors National Heritage Fellowship in 2003. The following is Norman’s scheduled appearances at this time:

April 14, 2009 Evening Program

“Weaving Straight From the Horse’s Mouth”

April 14, 6:30 PM – Carriage House, Penrose House, Colorado Springs – “Weaving Straight from the Horse’s Mouth” Norman will be talking about his experiences with the old weavers of his youth. After his presentation he will be presiding over a waulking, the rarely practiced community method of shrinking cloth accompanied by group song. The presentation is free of charge to the public. We will need material to be waulked. Fabric should be 100 per cent wool and approximately 43 inches wide. If you are interested in having your material waulked please contact Weldon Walker for more information.

April 15 - 16, 2009 Penrose House

Spinning Workshop

April 15 & 16, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM - Carriage House, Penrose House, Colorado Springs – “Spinning Workshop” Norman will be demonstrating and teaching traditional spinning techniques. The first day will be devoted to spinning wool and the second to flax and cotton. The cost of the workshop will be \$150 with a materials fee for fiber. The workshop is limited to 15. Please contact Weldon Walker for further information.

April 18 2009 Green Valley Weaver’s & Knitters

“Fisherman and Worker’s Knitting in Scotland and the Outer Islands”

April 18, 9 AM – 4:00 PM – Green Valley Weaver’s and Knitters, 2115 W. Colorado Ave, Colorado Springs – “Fisherman and Worker’s Knitting in Scotland and the outer Islands” Norman will be presenting and discussing examples of various knitting techniques from Scotland, Fair Isles, Shetland Islands, and the Hebrides. Some knitting will be done. Contact GVWK, 448-6693 for further information.